



# Newsletter

*"Nothing can dim the light that shines from within" - Maya Angelou*

## Latest News



### Year 6 Residential to UKSA

Last Friday we welcomed back Year 6 to GJS following an amazing week at UKSA on the Isle of Wight. The children were a delight to be away with and ALL took part in a host of activities such as Stand Up Paddle-Boarding, Dinghy Sailing, Windsurfing, Kayaking and Raft Building! There was also time for a relaxing wander to the local park and into Cowes. If you have not seen it, there is a great video on the school website [here](#) that captures the trip and the amazing **CONFIDENCE** Year 6 showed last week!

On **Tuesday 8th October** Mr Samson will be running a UKSA Information Webinar for Year 5 parents at 6.00pm for approximately 40 minutes about **NEXT** year's trip. Year 5 parents should have already received the link to the **MSTeams** link. Please contact the school office if you have not.



### Clubs

As you will be aware, our externally-led clubs started last week. If your child joins or leaves a club part way through the term, please ensure you inform the office so we can make sure that the correct children are sent to the club leaders at the end of the day. We also ask that, if your child is not going to attend a club as a one-off, you inform the club provider and the school office.



**After School Clubs**

### Secondary School Admissions

Year 6 parents and carers can now apply for a secondary school place for their child. Applications must be submitted by **Thursday 31st October**, but as this falls within half term we recommend applying by **Friday 25th October**. Further details have been emailed.

### House Points

Mars	3365
Neptune	3056
Jupiter	2634
Saturn	1800



### Our VALUE in focus is: CONFIDENCE

This term, fittingly with children moving year groups, new children joining the school and Year 6 attending their residential trip, our first 'in focus' value is **CONFIDENCE**. All staff will be on the 'look out' for children displaying confidence in lessons, on the playground and even during their residential trip away from home! The more this can be further reinforced at home, the better. Please feel free to have 'home talks' on our values and maybe even share examples when YOU have had to show confidence, face your fears and generally YOUR views on the value and the importance of being confident in life and the reality that we ALL lack confidence at some point!

### GJS Breakfast Club

We are pleased to announce that KOOSA Kids is now providing a Breakfast Club for GJS children. This is open from 7.45am and is run by GJS staff. A breakfast of cereal, toast and fresh fruit will be provided daily!

### 10R—Poetry Week @ GJS

Next week sees our first 10richment week take place next week. Children will be immersing themselves in poetry next week, there will be assemblies, performances and staff sharing their favourites. Feel free to discuss this at home as part of your 'Home Talks' and share poems or poets you may recall from your school days!

Mr Samson will also be launching this year's poetry competition linked to the school's **Love, Live, Learn** motto!



**Our Designated Safeguard Lead and Operation Encompass Key Adult is:**  
Mr Samson—HT

**Our Deputy Designated Safeguard Leads are:**  
Mr MacIver—Deputy HT  
Mrs Wilkinson—SENCo  
Mrs Munz—Bursar  
Mrs Kirby—HSLW

*'It's everyone's business'*

# PTA News

**Wednesday 2nd October—PTA AGM—Cricketers Pub 8pm**— Everyone is welcome to attend to find out about the PTA and review the activities from last year and the planned ones for this year. Please let us know if you plan to attend. (Philipdcurtis@hotmail.com)

**Other Key Dates:**

School Autumn Disco—Wednesday 23rd October  
 Christmas Fair—Friday 13th December

# School Achievement

**Pupil of the Week**

- 3AR – Theo
- 3EC – Finn
- 4JS – Freddie
- 4NS – Chantele
- 5NM – Kaitlin
- 5KW – Niko
- 6EM – William
- 6SD – Cassie



**PERSEVERANCE Values Champions**

- 3AR – Julia
- 3EC – Lily
- 4JA – Khushi
- 4RH – Rhys
- 5SD – Kira
- 5NM – Mia
- 6EM – Amelia
- 6TA – Ted



Attendance Winners: 4JS = 99%



Summer AB Stars Champions: 5KW

# Sports News

**Inter House 'Chippie Chase' Fun Run at GJS**

Sadly, the weather beat us today and whilst we waited for as long as long as we could, the 'Chippie Chase' was not able to be run. However, not deterred, we will now be running the races during the PE sessions for each year group next week when the weather looks more settled. Please can those who came into school today in their house t-shirt do the same next week on the following days:

- Monday—Year 3
- Tuesday—Year 5
- Wednesday—Year 6
- Thursday—Year 4

Each race will begin at about 1.30pm each day

# Diary Dates

**Autumn 2024**

- September
- 30th–4th: 10R—Poetry Week
- October
- 7th–11th: 10R—Healthy Week
- 7th–18th: Y6 Bikeability
- 11th: Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' Mufti Day
- 16th: Y5 Tilford Mosque Trip
- 22nd: Individual Photos
- 25th: **Inset Day**
- 28th–1st: **Half Term**
- November
- 4th: Y6 Science @ Charterhouse begins
- 9th: Prospective Parent Tour @ 10.00am
- 11th–15th: 10R—Remembrance Week
- 11th: Prospective Parent Tour @ 9.00am
- 12th: Prospective Parent Tour @ 10.45am
- 13th: Prospective Parent Tour @ 6.00pm

**Inset Days 2024/25**

~~Monday 2nd September 2024~~

**Friday 25th October 2024**

Friday 14th February 2025

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025